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# AVOCADOS

## FLORIDA AGRICULTURE

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**FLORIDA:** The forecast of avocados for certified shipments is continued at 1,050,100 bushels, the largest amount since the 1991-92 season when 1,111,000 bushels were shipped. If realized, it will be 18 percent more than was shipped last season.

Estimated shipments through October total 906,700 bushels, the highest amount for summer shipments on record. Fruit maturity is advanced with good demand.

Bearing acres (trees planted in 1998 and earlier) are estimated at 6,000 acres. This is only slightly more than the previous season's 5,900 acres.

**CALIFORNIA:** Estimated total shipments for the just completed 2001-02 season are 8,000,000 bushel equivalents. The forecast for the 2002-03 season is for 8,312,000 bushel equivalents, four percent more than last season but slightly less than the 2000-01 season.

### FLORIDA: Estimated certified shipments of avocados, 2002-03 season, with comparisons - Season: April 1 - March 31

Season	Shipments through October	Remaining to be shipped	Total shipments
Bushels			
Certified:			
1992-93	274,700	9,300	284,000
1993-94	92,600	82,400	175,000
1994-95	505,800	273,200	779,000
1995-96	526,900	217,100	744,000
1996-97	621,700	296,300	918,000
1997-98	756,200	181,800	938,000
1998-99	619,000	272,000	891,000
1999-00	708,900	134,100	843,000
2000-01	768,600	236,400	1,005,000
2001-02	712,500	178,500	891,000
Estimated:			
2002-03	906,700	143,300	1,050,000

### CALIFORNIA: Estimated avocado shipments, 2002-03 season, with comparisons - Season: November 1 - October 31

Variety	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	Estimated shipments for 2002-03
Bushels <sup>1/</sup>				
Fuerte	112,000	157,000	80,000	86,000
Hass	5,773,000	7,737,000	7,440,000	7,676,000
Other	537,000	553,000	480,000	550,000
Total	6,422,000	8,447,000	8,000,000	8,312,000

<sup>1/</sup> Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.